



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CREEKS RESTORATION/WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

SPECIAL MEETING

June 18, 2008

DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM PARKING LOT, 630 GARDEN STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hochman called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair Hochman, Lee Moldaver, Roger Schlueter, George Weber, Daniel Wilson

Committee members absent: Michael Jordan

Liaison members present: Park and Recreation Commissioner Beebe Longstreet

Liaison members absent: Councilmember Iya Falcone, Planning Commissioner John Jostes

Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Supervisor George Johnson, Creeks Planner George Thomson, Creeks Program Assistant Liz Smith

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

SITE VISITS

- A. CalTrans Channel – Mission Creek at W. Valerio Street**
- B. Tallant Road Bridge – Mission Creek at Tallant Road**
- C. Hwy 192 Bridge – Mission Creek at Hwy 192**

Recommendation:

That the Committee make site visits to examine three locations for potential Steelhead Passage projects on Mission Creek and discuss the project status and funding opportunities.

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager
George Johnson, Creeks Supervisor

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members discussed timing, funding, and feasibility of the Mission Creek Steelhead Passage projects; and, flood level concerns.

Public Comment:

Mr. Brian Trautwein, Environmental Analyst with the Environmental Defense Center (EDC) expressed his support for the project and described EDC involvement in the project, including securing grant funds.

Mr. Steve Timbrook and Mrs. Jan Timbrook, upper Mission Creek watershed residents, provided their personal observations of fish presence and water levels in the creek adjacent to their property and expressed their support for the project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Committee members Wilson/Schlueter to adjourn.

Chair Hochman adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Benson
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager